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Dear Charlie and,

I wrote this letter, as you can see, long ago and put it aside, expecting to hear from you after you got and read WHITE-UP, which I did mail insured immediately. I have just found the envelope while working my way down through a stack while awaiting some callbacks on the arrest of Richmond C. Harper and others not named in the scant local reporting of the anti-Castro munitions deal via Mexico. If you know anyone interested, there are remarkable parallels with 9H213.

Now the strange speak about whom you phoned me later appeared in Texas and made the rounds. If you have learned anything more about him, I'd be interested. There are many well-meaning irresponsibles, so many that they have been perhaps our greatest single liability. But there always remains other possibilities.

One of the stupider operations is now afoot in the critical community. Some of the dishonesties have forced me to break relations with a couple of cherished friends unknown to you. Too many have become like Hal Burton, who climbed an Alp merely to be able to say he spit a mile.

My greater concern is with the possibility of breaking a back in so foolish a venture. The tragedy is that almost all have really quit but long not to have and long so for kudos, even if it is in their own self-concepts only, that they do anything. "One do any political thinking, as most Europeans would, for example, to ask what can or will this mean, what can it cause, what good can it really do if it does good. So, too many of us are too often serving the needs and ambitions of "the other side" and are unaware of it or don't care. Some are of just a get-Kennedy stripe.

So, I expect some potentially counter-productive news soon.

Meanwhile, if it is no burden too you, much as I'd like to be able to give copies of the books away, I can't, having bought them and having no income still, one helluva way to live.

Hal seems to have dropped out. I have written without response. If you are in touch with him, give him the above citation and ask him, please, to send me anything he has that could be relevant to this or The Watergate Capers, especially the Cubans and anything he has by way of descriptions (or can get, as he can if he will) or pictures of Frank Bender and "Bernie" of the Bay of Pigs deal. I think they figure in this and I am in touch with the right people who have a selfish interest to serve with it. I am fairly confident that Hunt is Bender and Barker is Bernie and that Hunt figures in the early non-publishing history of WHITE-UP, when he was still CIA but doubling in brass. I have suggested to Jim Mason through his producer or production assistant that he do something on this when he has a cancellation. I can do it ad lib, so if he decides to it will be without advance notice.

I am also submitted a proposal on a magazine piece in today's mail. My wife is typing it now.

Best regards,